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SUBJ: LA FONMINS CONFERENCE: MEXICAN INITIATIVE RE AGENDA

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1. NOVEMBER 13 EXCELSIOR CARRIES STORY BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, RAUL TORRES BARRON, REPORTING THAT AGENDA FOR BOGOTA CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL ZONE, REINTEGRATION OF CUBA INTO INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, AND "BEHAVIOR" OF US TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ACCORDING TO REPORTER, INCLUSION OF THESE ITEMS RESULTS FROM A MEXICAN INITIATIVE. REPORTEDLY, AMBASSADOR MANUEL TELLO (DIRECTOR IN CHIEF FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS AT FONSECRETARIAT), AS SPOKESMAN FOR MEXDEL AT PREPCOM, TOOK POSITION THAT SINCE SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS ABLE TO "BREAK ICE" IN RELATIONS WITH PRC AND SOVIET UNION, HE CERTAINLY SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO SAME CONCERNING CUBA.

2. EL SOL DE MEXICO ON NOVEMBER 13 EDITORIALLY LAMENTED FACT THAT FONMINS OF ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY WILL NOT ATTEND SINCE TOPICS OF GREAT INTEREST -- "ABOVE ALL THAT CONCERNING PANAMA CANAL, PROPOSED BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEXICO, PANAMA AND PERU" -- WILL BE DISCUSSED. EDITORIAL

FURTHER STATED "WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT US...CAN OBJECT TO CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT OF THE CANAL. LIKEWISE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA IS UNCONDITIONAL, SINCE, IF DEALING PRECISELY WITH NORMALIZING A SITUATION CONSIDERED TO BE ABNORMAL, THERE SHOULD BE ON THE PART OF THE HAVANA GOVERNMENT A DISPOSITION TO ABSTAIN FROM INTERVENING IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND FROM FOSTERING SUBVERSION..."

- 3. MEXICAN FONSECRETARY RABASA DEPARTED NOVEMBER 13 FOR BOGOTA CONFERENCE.
- 4. COMMENT: INFORMATION CONTAINED IN BOGOTA'S 9244
  SEEMS TO CONFIRM GOM INITIATIVE OUTLINED IN EXCELSIOR
  REPORT (SPECIFICALLY ITEMS 2, 3 AND 6 SUGGESTED IN
  MEXICAN DOCUMENT AS TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.) GOM IN
  PRIVATE HAS STATED ITS HOPE THAT BOGOTA CONFERENCE WILL
  ESCHEW POSITIONS LEADING TO CONFRONTATION WITH USG.
  RABASA WILL FIND SUFFICIENT CHALLENGE IF HE ACTS
  ACCORDINGLY TO CHANNEL DEBATE ON THESE CONTROVERSIAL
  ISSUES IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.
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